GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:356
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RAILWAY FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Japanese International Cooperation Agency has submitted its report for the Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi- Kolkata phases of the railway freight corridor project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted ;

(d) whether the Railways are preparing a separate feasibility report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFEREED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 356 BY SHRI PRABODH PANDA AND SHRI SHISHUPAL N. PATLE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.4.2007 REGARDING RAILWAY FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECT

(a) to (c) Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is conducting a feasibility study for the development of Dedicated Freight Corridors on the Delhi-Mumbai Western Corridor and Ludhiana-Sonnagar Eastern Corridor. The Study is likely to be completed by October 2007.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. (RITES) has submitted a Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey (PETS) report in January 2007 for the both the corridors. As per the report, the 1483 kms. long Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Mumbai) to Tughlakabad/Dadri Western Corridor and the 1279 kms. long Ludhiana to Sonnagar Eastern Corridor is estimated to cost a total of over Rs.28,000 crores. RITES has been asked to conduct a feasibility study for extension of Eastern corridor to Kolkata area in view of possibility of increase in freight traffic on account of proposed deep sea port.